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¶1. (C) In response to subject demarche, Hannele Voionmaa, MFA Counselor for peacekeeping and military crisis management operations, told PolChief that the GOF agreed June 8 to make a formal approach to Kyrgyz authorities regarding US access to Manas Airbase in Kyrgyzstan. The GOF has a strong interest in ensuring that the US has appropriate and affordable access to Manas, Voionmaa said, given that such access has a direct impact on the success of Finland's own ISAF operations in Afghanistan. Finland will instruct its regional Ambassador to demarche the Kyrgyz in the coming days.

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